

SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA
SFWMD - 3301 Gun Club Road, B-1 Auditorium
West Palm Beach, FL
March 4 - 5, 2003

Tuesday, March 4, 2003 (12:30 PM – 5:30 PM)

Note: A field trip to the STA 1E project has been arranged on Tuesday morning. The Corps and the local sponsors have scheduled the Program Management Team meeting for the afternoon of March 5th from 12:30 – 2:00 PM.

12:30 – 12:40 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Review and Ratification of Agenda, Administrative Announcements and Introduction of January Minutes, Rick Smith

Consent Agenda Items

- Actions/Issues Tracking Chart
- Issue Team Tracking Chart and Update
- Biscayne Bay Issue Team Annual Report
- 2003 Working Group Workplan

Meat and Potatoes

12:40 – 12:55 Follow-up from February Task Force Meeting, Rock Salt (15 p)

- Independent Science Review
- Avian Ecology Workshop
- Task Force and Working Group Priorities

Rock Salt will summarize the actions taken by the Task Force at its February 4, 2003 meeting. This includes the request for the Working Group to recommend the top priority work items for the Working Group in 2003.

12:55 – 2:55 Working Group 2003 Priorities, Rick Smith

The Working Group will begin a discussion of priority efforts for 2003. This item will be completed on Wednesday morning.

2:55 – 3:10 Public Comment on Working Group Priorities Discussion

3:10 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:00 • Land Acquisition Task Team Update, Rock Salt (10 p, 20 d)

The team revised team directive is being presented for discussion. The revised directive reflects the guidance provided by the Task Force and Working Group during the development of the original Strategy document.

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4:00 – 4:30

- RECOVER, John Ogden (15 p, 15 d)

An update on the Monitoring and Assessment Plan currently out for public review will be provided and well as an update on Interim Goals and Targets Report.

Updates and Discussion

4:30 – 5:10

- Science Coordination Team Update, Ronnie Best and Nick Aumen (20 p, 20 d)
 - The Role of Flow in the Everglades Ridge and Slough Landscape

This flow paper is a consensus report by SCT scientists on the role of flow in the Everglades. The paper progressed through five revisions within the SCT, and was then reviewed by an external, seven-person, independent peer review panel. The paper describes changes in the historical ridge and slough landscape; suggests possible mechanisms causing these changes; describes the ecological consequences of these changes; and presents prioritized research recommendations to better understand how to maintain and restore ridge and slough habitat.

5:10 – 5:30

- Public Comment

5:30

- Adjourn

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Wednesday, March 5, 2003 (8:30 AM to 12:30 PM)

8:30 – 8:40 Welcome, Administrative Announcements and Approval of January Minutes, Rick Smith

Restore, Preserve, and Protect the Natural Habitats and Species

8:40 – 8:55 • Avian Ecology Workshop, Jay Slack (5 p, 10 d)

8:55 – 9:10 • Noxious Exotic Weed Task Team Update, Bob Doren (5 p, 10 d)

Results from the NEWTT Invasive Exotic Plant Detection Workshop will be provided. Discussion on arundo donax will continue.

9:10 – 9:30 • Modified Water Deliveries Issue Team, Rock Salt (10 p, 10 d)

The initial draft of the team Charter will be presented for discussion.

Updates and Discussion

9:30 – 10:00 • General Management Plan for ENP, Maureen Finnerty (15 p, 15 d)

Maureen Finnerty will provide a summary of the Park's ongoing effort to develop a new General Management Plan.

10:00 – 10:10 • WRAC Update, Julio Fanjul (10 p)

10:10 – 10:20 • Museum Collaboration Committee Update, Ron Smola (10 p)

Update on Premiere Showing of Coral Reef Movie.

10:20 – 10:40 Break

Get the Water Right

• Update on Water Projects and Initiatives, Dennis Duke (15 p, 15 d)

This will be a review of ongoing projects.

11:00 – 11:15 • CERP Outreach Update, Nanciann Regalado (10 p, 5 d)

An update will be provided on the outreach efforts.

11:15 – 12:00 Final Working Group action on 2003 Priorities, Rock Salt and Rick Smith

12:00 – 12:10 • Executive Director's Report, Rock Salt (10 p)

Documents will be summarized briefly. Working Group members should read the materials for a full update. Draft OEEECT Strategy is being provided for comments.

- Draft Coordinated Budget Priorities
- Litigation Update
- OEEECT – Draft Strategy

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- Preparation for April 1 – 2, 2003 Task Force Meeting
 - Logistics and Key Discussion Items
- 12:10 – 12:25
 - Public Comment
- 12:25 – 12:30 Open Discussion
- 12:30 Adjourn

The Corps and the local sponsors have scheduled the Program Management Team meeting immediately following the Working Group meeting from 12:30 – 2:00 PM.

{p – presentation, d – discussion, a – action needed}

Updated March 3, 2003